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FOR A/FBO DIRECTOR RALSTON AND AF/EX BRADFORD FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ABLD NG

SUBJECT: MAINTENANCE CONTRACT AND SPARE PARTS FROM PROPERTY  
NUMBER 01559 A AND B

REF: STATE 179325 AND NIAMEY 2776

1. WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR LOOKING INTO SUBJECT CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZING EMBASSY TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS SOONEST WITH LOCAL CONTRACTOR. IN CHECKING INTO MATTER, I FIND THAT WE HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING WITH THIS PROBLEM FOR MONTHS. OUR CENTRAL A/C MAINTENANCE CONTRACT HAS EXPIRED AND OUR RELATIONS WITH CFAO, WHICH PROVIDES THIS SERVICE FOR EMBASSY AND RESIDENCE, HAVE REACHED POINT WHERE FIRM ABSOLUTELY REFUSES TO CARRY OUT NEEDED REPAIRS BECAUSE OF OUR FOOTDRAGGING ON SPARE PARTS QUESTION AND IN ABSENCE OF CONTRACT. AS A RESULT, OUR A/C SYSTEM, WHICH IS DESPERATELY NEEDED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, IS BEGINNING TO FALL APART AND WE LACK EXPERTISE TO UNDERTAKE OUR OWN REPAIRS.

2. WE ARE AS UNHAPPY AS FBO ON OUR DEPENDENCE ON CFAO AND ITS PRICES, BUT PLAIN FACT IS THAT WE HAVE EXPLORED NUMEROUS OTHER OPTIONS IN AND OUT OF COUNTRY AND HAVE REACHED CONCLUSION WE HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT LOOK TO THIS FIRM. AT SAME TIME, GIVEN NATURE OF OUR A/C SYSTEM, FOR WHICH THERE ARE NO SPARE PARTS LOCALLY, AND NONE AVAILABLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD,  
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WE THINK FIRM HAS POINT IN INSISTING THAT IT CAN PROVIDE

PROPER MAINTENANCE ONLY IF THERE IS ADEQUATE STOCKPILE OF SPARE PARTS, WHICH WE WOULD IMPORT OR ARRANGE FOR FIRM TO ACQUIRE. WE URGENTLY NEED DEFINITIVE RULING BY DEPARTMENT ON SPARE PARTS STOCK AND GIVEN OUR PLIGHT, WE REQUEST AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT IMMEDIATELY WITH PROVISION FOR SUPPLY OF SPARE PARTS AS SET FORTH IN REF B.

3. WITH REFERENCE TO REF A, CFAO HAS MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT IT WILL NOT ACCEPT MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITHOUT PARTS AND EVEN IF EMERGENCY PARTS WERE SHIPPED (PARA 2, STATE 127970), WE LACK CAPABILITY AT MISSION TO INSTALL THEM WITHOUT CFAO HELP WHICH WILL BE REFUSED WITHOUT CONTRACT. WE NEED SIGNED CONTRACT SOONEST.HECK

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